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Members of Nicholas County Fire Department (at left) battle with a blaze that gutted the second floor of this building in Sharpsburg. Sunday night. At left are unidentified volunteer firefighters.—Smith photo

Fire threatens Sharpsburg Sunday

A fire, which broke out in a building in downtown Sharpsburg, Sunday night, threatened to destroy the main portion of the small town, Sharpsburg, a small town in Bath county, with a population of about 400, was attended by fire departments from Nicholas county, Mt. Sterling, Montgomery county, and Salt Lick, in addition to their own fire fighting squad.

The firemen managed to contain the blaze itself in the upper floor of the structure but considerable smoke and water damage was suffered in the remainder of the building. The fire fighters had to battle with low water pressure in the town hydrants, as well as with the fire.

The building was owned by Mrs. Elgin Murphy Sr. and her son, Elgin Murphy Jr. The building contained three apartments upstairs, a second hand store, and a church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and a garage in the back.

The fire reportedly started about 5:30 p.m. by some grass on a stove in one of the upstairs apartments. The blaze then spread throughout the remainder of the building, and soon hit the gas stoves and furnace which were used to heat the building.

All of the business buildings on the same side of the street as the burning building were threatened.

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Mayor Bill Power does the honors while drawing at the first National Bank. The main drawing was Catherine Barlow of Carlisle, Mrs. Barlow has a chance to win one of six Cadillac's, the final drawing to be televised Feb. 16.—Duncan photo

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Kincaid gifts total \$200,000 to 244 groups

Christmas week ended on a happy note Dec. 27 for 27 Kentucky colleges and 117 public service agencies when they were named to share \$200,000 in charitable funds from Lexington banker Garvice Kincaid and the Kentucky Group Banks.

The Kentucky Group, an organization headed by Kincaid, consists of 17 banks in central and southeastern Kentucky. Checks were distributed at a luncheon at the University of Kentucky's Spindletop Hall attended by representatives of recipient organizations.

The \$200,000 donation is one of the largest ever made in Central Kentucky through the auspices of one individual. Kincaid last year presented \$100,000 to 27 service agencies and several years ago contributed the same amount to a Lexington YMCA building fund drive.

Heading the list of recipients sharing Kincaid's 1974 philanthropy are the 14 institutions making up the Kentucky Independent Colleges, which were awarded a total of \$20,000.

The Kentucky Heart Association and Central Baptist Hospital, of Lexington.

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A total of \$5,000 was presented to five Nicholas county organizations at a Christmas dinner at the County Hospital, Lexington recently by Garvice Kincaid (right), who heads the Kentucky Group Banks. Pictured are: Keen Anderson, Nicholas County High School Charity Fund, \$500; Mrs. Henry Peters, Nicholas County Hospital, \$1,000; Mrs. Robert Sparks, Nicholas County Recreation Park, \$1,000; Mrs. Billy

City council to annex properties

City Council met Monday night in a called meeting to pass an ordinance annexing the Green Valley Apartments on Synamore Hill and Evans Big Top Burger, Dairy Queen and Standard Oil lots on West Main Street. The two tracts of land contain a total of 24.1 acres.

The annexation suit will be on the agenda of the February term of Circuit Court.

Jan. 15 is the deadline for city stickers. Anyone not displaying the new city sticker on his car or cars by Jan. 15 will be subject to Police Court fine.

Gayle Vandlandingham reported that several big gas leaks have been repaired in Kennedy Heights lines. After these repairs are completed, he

said he'd start at the regulatory station and make a systematic and complete check of the city lines for gas leaks.

Citizens are asked to help locate leaks by reporting anything suspicious—bubbling storm sewers after a rain, or dead grass, etc.

Council voted unanimously to hire someone as soon as possible to finish cleaning Kirby Fork.

Mayor Bill Power announced a check for \$6,954 in Revenue Sharing Funds had been received by the city.

A Greyhound first stop space was designated in front of Lucas Automotive Repair Shop on Broadway at his request. The shop was formerly Frankie's Dry Cleaners.

Extension office to sponsor money management meetings

A series of meetings have been planned to help Nicholas county families with their credit and money management problems. The first meeting will be at the Courthouse on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 1:30 p.m. Helen Stevens and Steve Allen, Specialists from the Extension Service, University of Kentucky, will be on the program.

The first session will be on the use of credit. The same program will be presented again that night at 7:30 p.m. for the people that cannot attend the afternoon session.

The second meeting will be on Feb. 13 and will take up the subjects Taxes and Estate Planning. The same speakers will appear on this program and again will include an afternoon and night session.

The Nicholas County Extension Office is sponsoring these meetings and urge all families to attend. The program has been planned to provide discussions on individual problems and concerns can be answered.

Contributions

To J. Jack Gentry, Nicholas County Historical Society, \$500; Billy Hopkins, Millersburg Military Institute, \$1,000; Mrs. Robert Sparks, Nicholas County Recreation Park, \$1,000; Mrs. Billy

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Carnico Country Club has official opening

Carnico Country Club held its official clubhouse opening on Sunday as approximately 170 members and guests were served the club's first Sunday buffet. The restaurant will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays 4:30 p.m. to midnight; and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will be closed on Mondays. As the weather improves, the hours will be extended to include lunch.

The clubhouse includes a large dining room, a grill, a lounge, kitchen, manager's office and restrooms on the main floor. The lower floor includes a pro shop, locker rooms, and restrooms.

The clubhouse is available to members for meetings, private parties and dinners, wedding receptions, etc.

The 9-hole golf course and swimming pool were opened last summer on the 7.5-acre site at Lake Carnico. Golf carts are available. Tennis and croquet courts will be added in the future.

An open house for members and prospective members is being planned for Sunday, Jan. 19 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Anyone considering joining the Country Club, who would like to see the facilities, is invited to attend the open house. Membership is limited to 150.

Lodge officers installed

Dougherty Lodge No. 63 F.A.M. will hold its regular meeting Friday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

On Dec. 27 the following officers were elected and installed for 1975: Walker, Senior Warden; Marion Sims Jr., Junior Warden; Sherry Fuller, Senior Deacon; Bobby Curtis, Junior Deacon; Clay Dayton, Secretary; Ray Plores, Treasurer; Wilburn Conyers, Senior Steward; Edwin Sanders, Junior Steward; Bobby Gausco, Tyler; H. Dallas Sugg, Chaplain.

'Sag' Kash, veteran newspaperman dies

Oliver Sageser "Sag" Kash, 64, a veteran Sarasota newspaperman and former Kentucky prize-winning editor, died after a short illness Monday, Dec. 30, 1974 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, Fla.

A resident of Sarasota for 19 years, he lives at 6328 Pines Ave., and had been an editor of the old Sarasota News before joining the Sarasota Herald-Tribune as a copy editor 10 years ago. He was a native of Carlisle, son of the late Dr. C.W. and Lela Sageser Kash, a member of the First United Methodist Church, Sarasota, a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge No. 18 F.A.M., Cynthiana; Sarasota Elks Lodge No. 1519, Sigma Delta Chi professional journal fraternity, and was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, and a Kentucky Colonel.

He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and began his journalism career in 1936 as a reporter for the Coolfield Progress, Norton, Va. From 1937 to 1941 he was state editor of the Kingport Times, Kingport, Tenn., leaving there for the city editor's post at the Troy (Ohio) Daily News. From 1941 to 1942 he was a technical writer and specifications analyst for Waco Aircraft Co. and Lear-Avia, Inc. He returned to Kentucky in 1942 as managing editor of the Central Record at Lanesboro; served as assistant sports editor of the Lexington Leader from 1942 to 1947 and editor of the Carlisle Mercury from 1947-49.

In 1949 he became editor of the Cynthiana Democrat, a post he held until 1956.

Under Kash's editorial direction, the Carlisle and Cynthiana papers won 31 awards of merit in Kentucky Press Association Competition and was often a contributor to the Sunday magazine of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Shan Seidel Kash, Sarasota; one sister, Mrs. Malcolm Hoyle, Winchester; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Thursday, Jan. 2, 1975 at the Wilson Funeral Home, Sarasota. Graveside services were held Friday at the Carlisle Cemetery, 2 1/2 p.m. Friday at the Carlisle Cemetery, conducted by Rev. Richard Chamberlin. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Cox, James T. Clay, J. Berry Barrow, Fred Barrow, J.H. Hamon, Warren Fisher, M.D. Hoyle III and Don W. Boone.

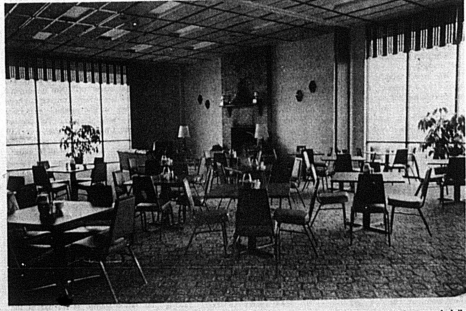
Western Auto has new owner

Paul Ramsey assumed the ownership and management of the Western Auto Store on Main Street in Carlisle on Jan. 1. He purchased the store from Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Johnson who operated the local store for over 35 years.

Ramsey, a resident of Stanton for 20 years, has been manager of Delta Natural Gas Company in Powell county for the last 11 years. A deacon in the Stanton Baptist Church, he is now a member of the First Baptist Church of Carlisle.

Before moving to Carlisle, he has just completed a four-year term as Mayor of Stanton. Prior to serving as Mayor, he was a member of the Stanton City Council for 12 years. He served three years on the Executive Board of the Blue Grass Area Development Corp. Ramsey has been a member of the Lions Club in Stanton for 20 years and is a past president.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey live at 30 West Main. They have five children: Paul Allen Ramsey, City City; Mrs. Pamela Drake, Stanton; Debbie, 21, Rhonda, 16, and Cliff, 9, all at home.



Main attraction The dining room at Carnico Country Club opened Sunday with a buffet being served. Dinner will be served daily except on Monday. Additional pictures may be found on page 4.—Duncan photo